NOTICE OF A CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE SR 1431 (RAYMOND STREET), CROSSING #720 250A ON THE NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD, SYLVA

WBS No. 32268 Y-4814C Jackson County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold the above Citizens Informational Workshop on Tuesday, October 5, 2010, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Board of Commissioners Room, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, 28779

Maps depicting the proposed project will be on display and NCDOT representatives will be available in an informal setting to answer questions and receive comments regarding the proposed project. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will also be provided. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above mentioned hours. Please note: there will not be a formal presentation.

NCDOT proposes the closure of the SR 1431 (Raymond Street) at-grade highway / Norfolk Southern Railroad crossing #720 250A. The Harold Street railroad crossing is within approximately 0.18 miles of the proposed closure. It provides adequate alternate access and uses signals and gate arms as a crossing warning device. The proposed closure of this at-grade rail crossing is part of an effort to reduce the number of redundant and / or unsafe rail-highway at-grade crossings statewide.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Mr. Brian Gackstetter, Rail Division, Engineering & Safety Branch, 1556 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, 27699-1556, phone (919) 715-2332, or email begackstetter@ncdot.gov.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Mr. Gackstetter as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.